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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT BRIEFING - MARCH 28

1. FOLLOWING Q'S AND A'S ARE EXCERPTED FROM THE MARCH 28
DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING.

2. Q: FRED, THE "NEW YORK TIMES" REPORTS THAT AT THE
VILLAGE OF KASAJI, I BELIEVE IT IS, IN ZAIRE, THE SHABA
SECTION, THAT UNITS OF THE ZAIRIAN ARMY WERE AMBUSHED AND
BADLY MAULED AND THAT THE KATANGANS HAVE NOW MO'ED INTO
MUTSHATSHA. I WAS WONDERING WHAT WAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S
REACTION TO THAT.

A: I DON'T HAVE ANY.

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3. Q: WELL, LET ME ASK YOU THIS: DO YOU FEEL THE REPORTS
ARE INACCURATE? I MEAN IT IS KIND OF SERIOUS, GIVEN OUR
INVOLVEMENT IN ZAIRE AND I JUST WAS WONDERING, DO
YOU FEEL THAT THE REPORTS ARE ACCURATE OR INACCURATE?

A: I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY -- I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR
LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT IT HAS BEEN TAKEN.

Q: IT HAS BEEN TAKEN?

A: YES. BUT, IN TERMS OF ADDRESSING YOUR EXCERPT ON
AMBUSHES AND THAT KIND OF THING, I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY --

5. Q: DON'T KNOW ABOUT --

A: I DON'T HAVE ANY REACTION AT ALL TO THAT. OUR
LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT MUTSHATSHA HAS BEEN TAKEN BY
THE INVADERS.

6. Q: HOW FAR FROM KOLWEZI IS THAT?

A: I DON'T KNOW HOW FAR IT IS.

7. Q: BY THE SCALE IN THE TIMES IT LOOKS LIKE IT IS ABOUT
100 OR LESS THAN 100 MILES. I AM WONDERING DO YOU FEEL --
THAT IS, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, A COPPER CENTER AND I AM
JUST WONDERING IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED THAT THEY
MAY MOVE IN AND OCCUPY IT?

A: I HAVE GIVEN YOU A STATEMENT OF OUR CONCERN OR LACK OF
IT OR REACTION.

8. Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE NIGERIAN ACTIONS,
DIPLOMATIC ACTIONS?

A: I DON'T. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO OFFER ON THE
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PROGRESS OF THE NIGERIAN DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE.
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